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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : S. Qazi
M. LANQUETIN et al :
Serial No.: 284,147 : Group: 1616
Filed: April 7, 1999 :
For: HORMONAL...COMPOUND :

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AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the office action of September 20, 2001, please
amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 22, 23, 26, 31 and 32.

Claim 34 (amended) A method of treating the functional disorders brought about by hypoestrogenism in women and further avoiding the appearance of osteoporosis, withdrawal bleeding and cardiovascular diseases in post-menopausal women comprising continuously without interruption administering to said women, a combination of 0.5 to 3 mg of an estrogenic compound and 1.5 to 3.75 mg of nomegestrol acetate. *has been*

Please add the following claim:

--35. The method of claim 34 wherein the combination is administered orally.--